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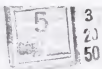
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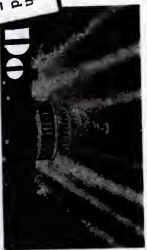
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THIS REPORT deals with what has been maneuvered into a delicate subject - although it should not be. The issues are honestly here frankly and religiously - and without religious or racial prejudice. Our purpose of critical examination is based of loyalty to our American people - a deep feeling of loyalty to our American nation.



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# You Want America Flooded

## With Alien Refugees?

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The drive to break down our frontal barriers to admit "several hundred thousand" aliens has quietly gained alarming proportions.

Congressman Ed Gossett (D., Texas) charged on the floor of Congress (7/2/47) that the so-called displaced persons lobby is one of the "largest, best paid lobbies in the city of Washington. . . backed by a nation-wide organization that has spent and is spending millions of dollars on propaganda. This lobby, he said, has "lined up many politicians in both parties who seek to acquire

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## WHY THE DP'S CAN'T WAIT

### *Proposing an International Plan of Rescue*

LEO SROLE

**A**LLIED troops sweeping across Germany early in 1945 reacted to Dachau, Bergen-Belsen, Buchenwald, Auschwitz, with incredulity, revulsion, and fury. "There are no words in the English language to describe Dachau," is the opening sentence of an official United States Army report. The solicitude the Army forced upon the emaciated men they found there, Jews in large part, sprang from deep compassion for the victims of a crime enormous beyond all precedent.

Until then, the drama of rescue had followed the lines of the simplest movie plot. But the drama did not end there. The rescue

THE situation of the DP's in the German camps is here reported with full documentation for the first time. We are given the opportunity to see the true picture through the trained eyes of a distinguished American sociologist, who as UNRRA Welfare Director of the Landsberg camps for more than a year had unexcelled opportunity for intimate first-hand observation. What is the DP state of mind and morale? How do they live? How are they treated? What solution does the world have for their problems? LEO SROLE, who endeavors to answer these questions, is co-author with W. Lloyd Warner of *The Social Systems of American Ethnic Groups*, published in 1945 as the third volume of the *Yankee City Series*. Dr. Srole went to his post at Landsberg following his war service as psychologist in an Army Air Force convalescent hospital. To the observation of this new social microcosm, so different from the small town in Massachusetts that was Yankee City, he brought the same sociological objectivity and psychological insight that made his previous work so authoritative. Dr. Srole was born in Chicago in 1908, received his undergraduate training at Harvard and earned his doctorate at the University of Chicago. He is professor of sociology and anthropology at Hobart College and at present is on leave of absence. He is the author of a report on the psychological states and needs of Jewish concentration camp survivors, prepared for the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry.

was a respite only. It was followed by a change from one camp to another, in which the "liberated" victim, today, twenty months later, is still captive and still in jeopardy. There was a change also in the hero. Incredibly, the solicitous rescuer has become the camp-keeper, cold and unfriendly. The happy ending has been reconverted into tragedy. The victims still await final rescue.

Those who have stood opposed to their rescue—figures like Lieutenant General Sir Frederick Morgan and isolated United States Army officers who have recently echoed him through the instrument of Mr. George Meader—have helped postpone the freeing of the displaced, stateless Jews by denying their needs, discrediting their motives, and attacking their character.

Nor have the spokesmen of American Jewry, or liberals generally, been always correct in their facts or statements. Creature conditions in the DP camps are sub-standard, but are by no means at a level warranting statements that the present camps are "just as bad" as the Nazi concentration camps. And the attempt merely to arouse pity for people who are far from sitting on their hands, or waiting passively for their second liberation, is grossly inappropriate to their problem.

The displaced Jews have an almost obsessive will to live normally again, to reclaim their full rights as free men. Their energies and talents have been dramatically exhibited in the vigorous communities they have created in the camps, despite scant material resources and highly abnormal environmental conditions. This achievement in reconstruction reduces to absurdity the efforts made to stigmatize the Jewish survivors. It deserves the world's admiration. More important, it calls for the determination that such character and courage shall no longer be denied fulfillment. Since the story of the achievement of the displaced persons is not generally known, even in in-

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## On aiding DP's

Americans would like to believe that displaced persons returning from Western Europe to countries east of the Oder-Neisse line will receive treatment worthy of human beings. They would prefer to think that the returnees run no risk to their lives or liberties in trusting themselves to governments which employ the MVD or its affiliates.

Good people among us would like to believe that there are no slave-labor camps in Russia or that, if there are, none but genuine criminals are confined there. One of the anomalies of current human behavior is the apparent eagerness of many otherwise responsible persons to interpret the actions of the Soviet rulers in the best possible light while manifesting an unwillingness to listen to the factual testimony of reliable witnesses who report on Russia's ruthless disregard for human rights.

Europe's displaced persons are again in danger of becoming victims of this American credulity. On their return trip to the homeland they expect to get a through ticket to Siberia or some other place where they will be punished for disloyalty to the regime and for accepting Western ideas about human rights. The fact that there are now over a million DP's presents no particular problem to the MVD. The latter agency has established its reputation for handling well over 10,000,000 non-criminal prisoners—a number which makes the Czar's most ambitious compulsory-labor program look like a Boy Scout encampment. Upkeep, of course, is no obstacle. Many Americans find it hard to believe these things, just as they did of the nazi regime, but that is because they see little more in communism than a reform movement.

Still others among us have or think we have plumbed the depths of dialectic materialism and love to reveal the evils of Stalinism in resounding pronouncements. Meanwhile on the question of giving substantial aid to

victims of communist terror we succumb to the penny-pinching views of Representative Taber and the NAM. And as for admitting fugitives from totalitarian justice to our country, well, why should we corrupt our pure Mayflower blood, especially in the midst of a housing shortage? After all, the nationalistic views of certain veterans organizations are good Americanism. So don't expect us to write or wire our Congressmen to support bills temporarily modifying immigration quotas. They might believe we had become charitable and act accordingly.

The more thoughtful Americans are rightly alarmed at the new line of thought on refugees appearing in American military circles abroad. The issue was clearly put in the open letter addressed to President Truman by the Refugees Defense Committee:

We believe that neither UNRRA nor the IRO nor the American administrative authorities have any moral right to attempt to persuade the displaced persons to return unless they are prepared to guarantee that they will not be subject to racial and political persecution in the countries to which they are asked to return.

After the display at the Moscow Conference, who would risk making such a guarantee?

While the Refugees Defense Committee was drafting its letter, the executive committee of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference was passing a forcefully worded resolution on our duty to aid the refugees, especially by providing them a place for resettlement. The Conference is rightly disturbed about the duplicity of our nation, which allows large commercial farmers to bring in thousands of alien and West Indian agricultural workers yet refuses to admit even a handful of bona fide refugees. At its meeting the executive committee of NCRLC made it clear that it has actual commitments for resettling displaced persons and that it stands solidly behind the Citizens Committee on Displaced Persons in its attempt to have legislation passed to permit entrance of refugees.

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## Business of the National Council



THE official national body of Y.M.C.A.'s of the United States, composed of representatives from local Y.M.C.A.'s elected at Area Council meetings and State conventions, will meet June 6 to 8. Since the last meeting occurred in March, 1946, postwar obligations have become clearer and in some cases more pressing.

The Council must determine action on many matters upon which decision can only be made by the democratically elected representatives of all of the Y.M.C.A.'s. It must also receive accounting from its interim administrative bodies on the work of the past year and approve their actions performed for and in the name of the Council.

The business of the forthcoming twenty-first meeting of the National Council is outlined below for the purpose of securing advance thought and discussion by Council members and local leaders, also in the Area Council meetings and State conventions scheduled to occur before the National Council meets.

### 1. Reports of Boards and Treasurer for 1946-47

Reports of the National Board and its major committees, the International Board, the International Committee,

and the Treasurer will account for their activities and the Council will be asked to approve the reports.

### 2. World Youth Fund Progress and Plans

The various committees responsible for the World Youth Fund will report fully to the Council on both achievements and problems still to be faced. Plans, discussion, and action, affecting the 1947-48 work on the Fund will require the careful attention of the Council members.

This will include:

1. A report on the status of the fund raising to date.

2. Full accounting of appropriations which have been made up to the present time.

3. A display of the purposes for which it is proposed to use the money.

4. Plans for 1947-48 campaigns.

5. Consideration of any questions or problems with reference to the Fund as introduced by Council members or raised in discussion of the foregoing.

### 3. Future Service to the Armed Forces

There will be a million and a half men in the Army, Navy, and Air Force according to present plans. There were 250,000 to 300,000 men in our country's uniform prior to World War II. About 75% of the Army and 80% of the Navy will be less than 25 years of

age. Many will have recently been in boys' groups and Hi-Y clubs of Y.M.C.A.'s. Military personnel will be widely dispersed—many in isolated spots such as Guam and Alaska. Large numbers will have access to existing Y.M.C.A.'s—city or Army and Navy—but

many will spend their off-duty time in cities and towns where no Y.M.C.A.'s or other constructive services are available.

The U.S.O. terminates at the end of 1947. The six agencies which compose the U.S.O. have explored fully the possibilities of maintaining a cooperative and jointly financed service following the U.S.O. Such a program appeared to be impractical.

This situation brings a heavy responsibility to the Y.M.C.A. These hundreds of thousands of young men and boys from cities and towns are our constituency. They will be living under circumstances which bring peculiar strains and problems. There is expectation among the public, the Army, the Navy, and the Air Forces that the Y.M.C.A. will fulfill the promise of its long service to military personnel by responding with all of its resources to this new situation.

Every City Y.M.C.A. in the United States is involved. Men will be traveling widely and wherever they find the Association sign they will consider them-

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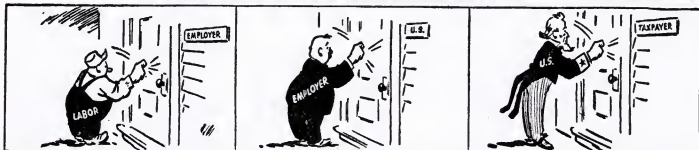
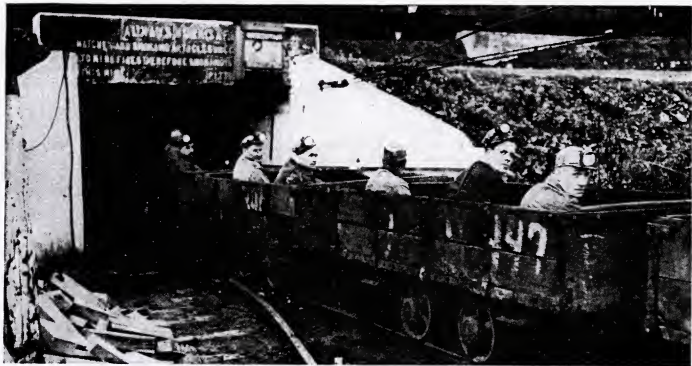
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Industry May Have To Pay Billions to Workers Unless Congress Takes a Hand



**AT THE PORTAL**—The coal miners ride from the portal, or entrance, of their mine to their work for underground. Their success in getting portal-to-portal pay opened the way for other workers. The cartoonist shows how labor's demands for portal-to-portal back pay may come back to the taxpayer's "portal" in the form of new tax demands.

"IF THESE portal-to-portal lawsuits keep up, our firm might have to close down," grumbled Jim's father.

Jim was studying his history lesson near by. He pricked up his ears. Here was some history in the making.

"You mean that you'd be out of a job?" cried Jim's mother in alarm. "Would we have to sell this house?"

"Oh, come now," said his father soothingly. "I didn't mean to get you all worked up. It's a bad situation. It could force plenty of industries out of business. It could cost taxpayers plenty. But I guess Congress is going to do something about it."

Jim couldn't get back to his history. It seemed too

**QUESTION:** What does "portal-to-portal" mean?

**ANSWER:** Portal means door, gate, or entrance. Portal-to-portal is another way of saying "gate-to-gate" or "door-to-door."

**Q.: How is it used?**

**A.:** It was first used by miners. Until a few years ago, miners were paid only for the time they spent underground, digging coal or ore. Some of them had to travel several miles from the entrance, or portal, of the mine to the place they were working. They asked to be paid for this travel time. They wanted pay to be figured from the time they entered the portal until the time they came out. That's why they called it "portal-to-portal" pay.

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To the Honorable Luther W. Youngdahl  
Governor of Minnesota:

Your Commission on Resettlement of Displaced Persons submits hereby its first report covering the results of a questionnaire survey which sought to obtain an authentic reflection of Minnesota public opinion in relation to the possibility of aiding to resettle ~~some~~ in America and in Minnesota some of those now in displaced persons' camps in Europe.

The questionnaires were first distributed through the kind offices of some 3,000 ministers of religion within the state.

The officers of your Commission, quickly realizing that a large proportion of our fellow citizens are not members of or regular attendants at any church, solicited the assistance of newspapers throughout the state in order that readers, who otherwise would not have opportunity, might clip from their local papers a copy of the questionnaire and submit their answer direct to our office. The co-operation of newspaper publishers in this as throughout the endeavor has been excellent. A considerable number of returns are at hand by courtesy of these local papers. Questionnaires are still being received and more are anticipated.

The total number of questionnaires returned and tabulated prior to February 20th, 1948, is 2,066, an additional 78 are received but not included in the tabulation.

It is noteworthy that of these only 8 people have registered an attitude of opposition to the resettlement of displaced persons from the camps of Europe within the state of Minnesota, thus indicating great popular support for the program.

Answers to question no. 1 "Have you relatives in displaced persons' camps in Europe whom you would like to help bring to Minnesota to live?" are tabulated as follows:

- a) number of persons with relatives in D.P. camps: 380
- b) number of relatives in D.P. camps: 1,559

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To: Executive Directors, Community Associations

From: Genevieve Lowry, Executive  
Division of Community YWCA's

Please share this memorandum with your president and staff and with any volunteers who should be informed.

On October 31 the GENERAL BLACK, an Army transport bringing 831 people from the displaced persons camps in Europe to the United States, is expected to reach New York City. This is the first ship to arrive under the provisions of the Displaced Persons Act of 1948 which President Truman signed on June 25. If all goes well 205,000 displaced persons will enter the country within the two year period ending on July 1, 1950.

The Young Women's Christian Association was one of the organizations which believed that the United States ought to accept its share of these victims of war and persecution and supported legislation to that end. We have therefore a special responsibility for cooperating, both nationally and locally, in plans for the resettlement of those now able to reach the United States. Also, as members of a world-wide organization of women and girls, we have helped to support the work done in the camps for displaced persons by the World's YWCA and the World's alliance of YMCA's and have great interest in the members of those Camp Associations who may arrive.

The National Board has been in touch with the World's YWCA, the United States Displaced Persons Commission and other national agencies and has authorized the Community Division to provide the special services of Miss Mabel B. Ellis for a six weeks period as Consultant on Displaced Persons.

Our first memorandum to you is of necessity brief and incomplete since much of the information we would like to send is not yet available. But it seemed advisable to get what we have into your hands before the first displaced persons appear in your community.

The Over-all Picture: The Camps. In the summer of 1948 there were still some 600,000 people in camps for displaced persons in Germany, Austria and Italy. The Protestants and members of Eastern Orthodox Churches numbered approximately 27 per cent; slightly over one-half - 55 per cent - were Roman Catholics; about 18 per cent were Jewish. They came from many different countries with Poland, the Baltic states, the Ukraine and Yugoslavia heading the list. None of them wished to return to their own countries for fear of persecution on account of religious or political beliefs.

# NATIONAL COUNCIL BULLETIN

A Service of Information, Interpretation, and Leadership for Member Associations

National Council, Young Men's Christian Associations of the United States  
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## The Y.M.C.A. and Displaced Persons

FROM 40,000 to 100,000 displaced persons will come to the United States during 1948 under federal legislation passed in the closing days of the 80th Congress. This law permits the entrance for citizenship of up to 205,000 displaced persons and political refugees before July 1, 1950 and gives permanent status to as many as 15,000 D.P.'s already here on temporary visas.

### These Are the D.P.'s

There are in D.P. camps in Germany, Austria, and Italy some 800,000 people, about half of them in American occupation centers. Of these about 20 per cent are Jewish, 15 to 20 per cent Protestants, and 60 to 65 per cent Roman Catholics. They come primarily from Poland, the Baltic States, Yugoslavia, and Russia. Most of them spent the war years as prisoners of war, political internees, or in forced labor battalions. Others fled from their homes as the Russian armies advanced. They all refuse to return home because of lack of sympathy with the ideologies of the present governments of their nations or because of fear of political or religious persecution.

That the vast majority of D.P.'s will be able to work and give full value to any nation wise enough and far-sighted enough to admit them as immigrants is proved by the results of several surveys of camp residents. Australia, Great Britain, France, Belgium, Norway, and Holland have already admitted as immigrants D.P.'s who fill the economic needs of their countries.

About 85 per cent of the D.P.'s are under forty-five years of age. Some 73 per cent of them are members of family groups. Despite all they have had to

endure they are a remarkably healthy group. The death rate of camp groups is surprisingly low and the birth rate exceptionally high.


A report of the occupational skills of 330,000 refugees in assembly centers revealed that the largest proportion are skilled workers in some sixty different occupations. Agricultural workers make up the next largest group. The professional group includes professors, religious leaders, engineers, lawyers, and artists. Among the women are agricultural, professional—including nurses

and teachers—skilled industrial, and domestic workers.

### Many D.P.'s Connected with "Y's"

The World's Alliance of Y.M.C.A.'s and the World's Y.W.C.A. are working with twelve other national organizations in serving D.P.'s as they served prisoners of war. Two functions have been designated as theirs: to conduct activities for the recreational, educational, cultural, and spiritual benefit of all D.P.'s and to maintain an extensive supply program in connection with these activities. In practice this has

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Reviewed and qualified after six months—  
Dated 194

The owner of this card is now a member of the local and World wide Association Brotherhood and will be cordially welcomed by Young Men's Christian Associations throughout the world upon repatriation, emigration or resettlement.

This card serves as an introduction only, to the association with whom you wish to affiliate with, at some future date.

THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF EACH COUNTRY WILL EXTEND THE OFFICIAL INVITATION OF MEMBERSHIP



## More About Displaced Persons and the Y.M.C.A.

SUGGESTIONS offered in the September issue of this BULLETIN regarding Y.M.C.A. service among displaced persons coming to the United States have brought three kinds of responses.

First has come word from Associations in all parts of the country—not many as yet, but well distributed—that steps are being taken (1) to welcome into the “Y” fellowship any who present cards of membership in a central European displaced persons “Y” and (2) to join with church federations and councils of social agencies in programs designed to aid these prospective citizens in finding work, homes and friends.

Second, there have been letters from American Y.M.C.A. representatives in Europe commending the analysis of the problem and supporting the suggestions offered in the September issue.

Third, the National Council has received numerous inquiries about possibilities of aid and encouragement for particular groups and individuals. Some of these inquiries have asked about the possibilities of employment for men who have been in close relation to the “Y” abroad by American Associations, employment that in many instances would not necessarily be in professional positions.

As previously stated in the BULLETIN, the International Refugee Organization is helping displaced persons through the formalities of gaining admittance to different countries. For those coming to the United States, the Displaced Persons Act requires that a sponsoring relative, friend or organization in this country guarantee a job, housing, transportation from the port of arrival, and protection against becoming a public charge for at least five years.

Church World Service and comparable Catholic and Jewish organizations are sponsoring groups of displaced persons and are providing job counselling, temporary housing and help in reaching destinations in this country. In some states and communities, committees have been organized (under church federation or council-of-social-agencies or governmental auspices) to aid new citizens in finding their way.

Y.M.C.A. officers should, we believe, participate in this community planning. Especially should they keep accurately posted on what kinds of help are being provided from what sources, in order to be able to refer correctly younger men and others who may turn to the “Y” for kinds of aid it is not itself equipped to give.

The fellowship opportunities of “Y” clubs and groups, co-ed activities, “Y” residences, and “Y” sports will be attractive to many young men. (In this connection, one wonders if we of the American “Y” should not be giving more attention than we often do to the matter of making Association life attractive to young people who, for one reason or other, are not quite sure of themselves, who are emotionally “displaced,” and who would be drawn more by opportunity to be with balanced, not-too-hurried, Christian men and women than by the buzz of activities seeming to require already developed skill.)

Of special interest are the efforts of Y’s Men’s Clubs, under the leadership of Charles L. Miller of Wyckoff, N. J., to aid Y’s men and their families in migrating to Canada and the United States. Clubs, Y.M.C.A.’s, and individuals are being urged to sign the necessary sponsoring affidavits to permit entrance into the United States.

The National Council personnel services office is dealing with refugees who have had Y.M.C.A. secretarial experience or who would like to work in other capacities for American Associations and with interested Associations.

D. A. Davis, senior representative of the World’s Alliance of Y.M.C.A.’s in Germany wrote recently about the work among displaced persons:

While the Y.M.C.A. is carrying on a general welfare program in something more than 600 different camps and centers in the three western zones, we are also encouraging the development of real Y.M.C.A./Y.W.C.A. groups. About 400 such groups now exist, having a membership of between 25,000 and 30,000. Every effort is made to make each one of these groups a typical non-equipment type of Y.M.C.A., with membership standards, committees and activities. While the groups are not all equally strong, it is true of many of them that they are the dynamic Christian social force in the camps where they exist.

And from Paul B. Anderson, North American “Y” International Board staff member, comes this report:

It is evident to any of us who have visited the regular camps or the summer camps, or who have examined carefully the actual operations and achievements of the Association groups in these camps, that this is authentic Y.M.C.A. work. We have a considerable number of Y.M.C.A. members among displaced persons and they are revealing a freshness and vitality in program which constitute a contribution to the world-wide Movement. Those who come to the United States or any other country will bring with them a living contribution, not only in what they have done, but in what they can do in the Y.M.C.A. in their country of settlement.

We lack information as yet regarding the distribution of these persons as they will arrive, whether they will be more largely in rural communities or in cities where there are Associations. If the latter, it will be natural for the Associations to take the needed measures for assimilating and utilizing this experience. If in rural communities where there is no rural Y.M.C.A. work, the question arises as to the manner in which these persons can be related to the Association Movement by some method not yet devised, or, if they are in groups, as to the method whereby they can reconstitute in their centers of resettlement Y.M.C.A. groups resembling those which they have had in Germany. The latter poses the question of direction, supervision and coordination by state and area committees and staffs.

Several of the men have raised question as to the extent to which the Associations in the United States will take steps, in co-operation with church federations and social agencies, to secure jobs and lodgings for displaced persons under conditions which would meet the requirements of the immigration authorities. . . . I have a feeling that some Associations are already doing this.

Although the size and scope of the problem (and the opportunity) facing the American Associations are not yet clear, our officers will, we feel sure, be prepared to aid in appropriate ways as the developing situation indicates. Principal leadership on the general phases of the problem will probably be taken by church bodies and public agencies.

► *Would the officers of your Y.M.C.A. recognize the membership ticket displayed on page one of the September issue and know what it signifies?*

*Do you know what plans are being made by church or social agency or public bodies, so that you can refer accurately when the “Y” is not itself equipped to aid?*



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OF

The UNITED UKRAINIAN AMERICAN RELIEF COMMITTEE, INC.

History, Accomplishments, Statistics and Plans

JUNE 30, 1948

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*After danger from the Left, danger from the Right*

CATHERINE MAHER

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*Those who are contented—or discontented—with capitalism*

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## USNA-JDC-HIAS ACCORD

*Representatives of the three agencies met in Pittsburgh on October 23 and took an important step toward centralizing services to immigrants. For a description of the agreement they effected see page 5. Editorial comment, page 2.*



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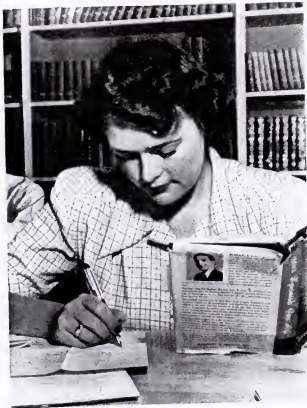
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## Hometown, U.S.A.

How Elizabeth Byrd (right) and her parents (below) found a new life and happiness in America with the aid of United Service and the local program for newcomers in Dallas, Texas. Two full pages of pictures tell their story.

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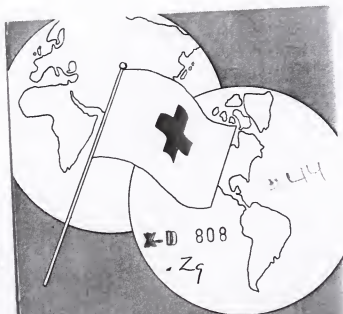
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*This is our goal,  
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VIRGINIA DISPLACED PERSONS COMMITTEE  
1117 State Office Building  
Richmond 19, Virginia

March 2, 1949

Individuals and establishments desiring to apply for Displaced Persons should do the following:

Farmers should get application forms from their County Agent's office or a Vocational Agricultural Instructor's office, fill them out and return an original and five (5) copies of the form to the County Agent's office.

Employers other than farmers should contact the nearest local office of the Virginia State Employment Service which office will furnish the necessary forms for the sponsor to make application for Displaced Persons. An original and five (5) copies of the application when completed should be submitted to the local Office Manager.

It should be clearly understood by the sponsor that there is no definite assurance that he will get Displaced Persons or get the kind or ages he applies for, nor can any definite time of delivery be assured.

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MIRIAM MATEOSIAN  
At 99, she may be the oldest immigrant ever

## GERMANY T 24 Arme

A tiny, wrinkled, cheerful, black-clad woman who is probably the oldest immigrant ever to enter the United States arrived here yesterday.

She is Miriam Mateosian, who will be 100 years old in 1948. She is one of a group of 24 Armenians who were brought here by ANCHRA—the American National Committee to Aid Homeless Armenians.

They arrived early yesterday morning at Omar Khayyam's, on O'Farrell street, after a practically nonstop, three-day bus trip from New York. This was the last leg of their journey from Camp Finken-kasern, Stuttgart, Germany.

Most of them, like Mrs. Mateosian, have known no homes but concentration camps and displaced person quarters since the early years of the war.

The tiny old woman, who looks as if she might have known the model for the carved wooden peasant figures in gift stores, bobbed over to George Marthian, president of the ANCHRA, and put the fingertips of her right hand to his forehead.

"May God give you long life,"



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## Report From AUSTRALIA

## RESETTLEMENT of Displaced Persons

A BULLETIN OF THE NATIONAL SOCIAL WELFARE ASSEMBLY, INC.

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At the request of the U.S. Displaced Persons Commission the National Social Welfare Assembly has brought together in a Committee of The Assembly representatives of thirty-eight national organizations and six typical local organizations concerned with the resettlement of displaced persons.

Working closely with the American Council of Voluntary Agencies for Foreign Service, which was the first to study the problem in Europe and promote the coordination of foreign relief and sectarian agencies in bringing displaced persons to this country, The Assembly Committee on Resettlement of Displaced Persons will urge on local communities a realization that the planning of resettlement work basically rests with them and is a continuing responsibility. The Committee itself will not engage directly in operations.

Citizens in local communities, urban and rural, are now being put squarely on notice by the arrival in the United States of several thousand displaced persons since passage of the Displaced Persons Act of 1948 last June (Public Law 774). Presently planned schedules now anticipate arrival of more than 10,000 DP's per month by June 1949.

"For the first time," says the Department of State in its Fact Sheet on the Displaced Persons Act, "the United States Government has undertaken an immigration program responsible not only for providing the regular immigration services but also for resettling the immigrants within the country."

Joint planning, national and local, now becomes the concern of all industrial, religious, social, civic, labor, health and other organizations if the responsibilities under this program are to be recognized and its possibilities achieved.

In a considerable number of cities local interest is expressing itself largely through a committee on displaced persons. The national committee of The Assembly offers its services for the exchange of information regarding experience in localities. Plans, reports, minutes, estimates of costs and other significant material should be sent to The Assembly office. Future Assembly bulletins will include summaries of local experience, as well as other significant information.

Pending any new legislation in Congress the provisions of the present Act are in force. Some important features of the present program, as outlined by Commissioner Edward M. O'Connor, are included in this bulletin. The Displaced Persons Commission's report of the first six months of operation (July 1 through December 31, 1948) contains a comprehensive statement of the problem, program and procedures. It may be obtained by writing to the Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D. C. (price 15¢)

COMMITTEE ON RESETTLEMENT OF DISPLACED PERSONS

Mrs. Samuel C. Harvey, Chairman

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THE NEW WORLD —  
A RAY OF LIGHT FOR BLIND DP

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# New Neighbors



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Daily in communities throughout the United States, homeless Jews from the Displaced Persons Camps of Europe are finding a place to rebuild lives that were shattered by a decade of horror. Brought here by United Service for New Americans, they come with a fervent desire to serve their new homeland as dignified and useful citizens.



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## Born in a Concentration Camp, He Lived to See Coney Island

The little boy with the large chunk of cake is Simon Herling, 5-year old DP. Perhaps the only child to survive birth in a Nazi concentration camp, Simon owes his life to the courage and resourcefulness of other prisoners. To those who gave to the United Jewish Appeal—thereby making it possible for United Service for New Americans to bring him and his family here—he owes the chance now to enjoy such things as a recent trip to Coney Island. (See pages 4 & 5.)





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PRESIDENT TRUMAN said recently:

"It is good to know that the Unitarian Service Committee has been incorporated under the laws of Massachusetts. This means that the grand work carried on since the inception of the Committee as a war relief agency will be continued on a permanent and stable basis.

"I am deeply conscious of the work which the Committee, against great odds, accomplished during the war years. Great as the need was then, it seems even greater at this hour. Besides the relief which the Marshall Plan will bring them the stricken democracies need the aid of every individual and every organization in the tremendous task of relief and rehabilitation.

"May God bless and prosper Unitarian Service Committee as it goes forward in humanitarian service without regard to race or creed."

Refresher courses this summer for physicians, dentists and pharmacists among displaced persons in Germany are being organized by the Unitarian Service Committee at the request of the International Refugee Organization, which has appropriated \$50,000 for the purpose.

Teaching staff of the courses to be given at the IRO Hospital at Altersheim, near Munich, has been recruited from various American university schools of medicine and dentistry, including Harvard, Cornell, Columbia, Alabama, Tufts, Rutgers and Long Island College of Medicine.

Two consecutive courses of four weeks each will be given to displaced medical persons, selected by IRO. They will include 150 physicians, 100 dentists and 60 pharmacists. Subjects to be covered are internal medicine, pediatrics, pharmacology, surgery, anesthesiology, obstetrics, dentistry and pharmacy.

## RESEARCH PROGRAM FOR GERMANY

Expenditure of \$10,000 to support a research program at the University of Tübingen, Germany, has been authorized by the Oberlaender Trust, according to announcement by William Emerson, president of the Unitarian Service Committee, Inc.

The grant was made to the Unitarian Service Committee on condition that the latter contribute \$3,837 toward the program to be directed by Prof. H. H. Weber, noted German scientist, whose research in chemistry on the physiology of muscle proteins has been internationally known for more than 20 years.

Establishment of the research program is a result of the Unitarian Service Committee medical mission to Germany last summer which made several recommendations upon its return to the United States. Among the most important of these were to bring outstanding German professors of medicine to this country for intensive work, and to support in Germany some important medical research programs. Through the cooperation of American Military Government, several German medical men are coming to America.

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*It CAN and MUST be done*

## Final Push In USC Drive

As of September 1st, \$93,000 had been received at Headquarters in answer to the Unitarian Service Committee's Emergency Appeal for \$100,000 before Fall. Encouraged by this response which has made it possible for the Committee to carry on its program through the summer, -- a response that has left no doubt that the Committee's great service to humanity MUST continue, -- Campaign Chairman Percival F. Brundage and other leaders are facing the major effort scheduled for the Fall.

The Unitarian Service Committee and its campaign leaders recognize the fact that the big fund-raising job is still before them -- the task of raising the total \$408,000 required for the year to carry on the program of medical missions, child care, general relief and other projects for which the Committee has become famous.

The emergency appeal was one thing -- and the response was encouraging. The remainder of the campaign is quite another thing, and the campaign leaders know it is not going to be easy. But there is no alternative. The campaign MUST be carried to a successful conclusion.

The over-all plan for the early Fall calls for a three-pronged effort in organization and solicitation. One area of the program aims to establish an enthusiastic, functioning chapter of the Unitarian Service Committee in every Unitarian Church. Many churches already have made progress in this direction. It is hoped that every Unitarian will want to become a member of the Unitarian Service Committee which represents Unitarianism in action.

Another division is devoted to special gifts -- contributions from larger givers, memorial donations, and other significant gifts. The third phase has to do with the solicitation of contributions from non-Unitarians, who in the past have been responsible in large part for the Unitarian Service Committee's humane program, and have recognized the non-sectarian nature of USC's medical missions, child care and material-relief projects.

"We urge those churches which have not appointed their chairmen to do so at once," says

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## Needed Immediately

### CLOTHES

Socks and Stockings of all sizes for girls and boys

Boy's underwear

Girl's underwear, particularly slips

Shoes of all sizes for girls and boys, particularly 16-18 year-old boys

### TOYS

Dolls, all sizes and shapes

Milton Bradley construction toys

Colored drawing paper, blocks, crayons, water colors, crepe paper, strips for weaving mats

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Old flour bags, which make excellent cleaning cloths

Yarn, either new or old sweaters that can be unraveled

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## Christmas Card

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Unitarian Service Committee, Inc.  
9 Park Street  
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